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SOUTH EL MONTE
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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

1. Approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment transferring \$2.309 million from the District's Executive Budget Unit's Services and Supplies appropriation to the Executive Budget Unit's Capital Assets – Equipment appropriation. This will provide the necessary Capital Assets – Equipment appropriation to purchase interoperable communications equipment (Dual Band Radios) for distribution to the 31 Los Angeles Area fire agencies.
2. Authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to enter into a MOU with multi-discipline emergency responders throughout the Los Angeles-Long Beach Urban Area and Los Angeles County Operational Area for the transfer and acceptance of interoperable communications equipment purchased with grant funds.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the \$2.309 million appropriation adjustment now before your Board will afford the District the opportunity to transfer this funding to the Executive Budget Unit's Capital Assets – Equipment appropriation to provide the necessary funding to purchase interoperable communications equipment (Dual Band Radios) for distribution to the 31 Los Angeles fire agencies.

The District utilizes VHF exclusively for all tactical fireground operations and will soon deploy VHF repeater sites for VHF Command on wildland incidents. Assisting agencies often send resources on initial attack into the District without post-position VHF radios. This presents interoperability (and sometimes safety) shortcomings. The Dual Band Radio Project proposed will address this regional communications need amongst the 31 Los Angeles area fire agencies; increase safety for first responders; expand the capacity of an existing regional communications system; and, employ technology that can be migrated to the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS).

The District is also requesting authority for the Fire Chief, or his designee, to enter into a MOU to procure and transfer Dual Band Radio interoperable communications equipment to multi-discipline emergency responders as intended by the 2009 State Homeland Security (SHS) and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grants. Such MOU will require the agencies to utilize the equipment in accordance with the requirements of the SHS and UASI Grant Programs.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:

Approval of the recommended actions are consistent with the Los Angeles County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Operational Effectiveness, "to maximize the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services;" and, Goal No. 5, Public Safety, which guides us to "ensure that the committed efforts of public safety partners continue to maintain and improve to the highest level of safety and security standards for the people of Los Angeles County."

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

With your Board's approval of the attached \$2.309 million Appropriation Adjustment, sufficient funding will be available in the District's Executive Budget Unit's Capital Assets – Equipment appropriation to address the projected appropriation needs this fiscal year.

The 2009 SHS and UASI Grant Programs are fully funded by the Department of Homeland Security Office of Grants and Training with funding released through the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) to the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office for UASI; and, Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office (CEO) for SHS. There are no cost-share or matching fund requirements. Your Honorable Board approved acceptance of the County's allocation of the 2009 SHS and UASI Grants on June 29, 2010 and November 9, 2010, respectively.

On-going maintenance costs for the District's equipment will be funded within the District's existing budget. There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The CalEMA has provided the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office and County of Los Angeles CEO with specific guidelines for the management and administration of this grant. These guidelines detail the activities and expenditures that are allowable under the grant. MOUs entered into with other agencies to accept radio equipment will require that accepting agencies follow these guidelines. All MOUs will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

The performance period for the 2009 SHS and UASI Grants is from September 30, 2009 through April 30, 2012.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

These are commodity purchases under the statutory authority of the County's Purchasing Agent. The purchases will be requisitioned, solicited, and purchased in accordance with County's purchasing policies and procures, established by the Internal Services Department.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 16031(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines as it addresses incidental matters related to the provision of Fire District services and thus it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will enhance the abilities of District and multi-discipline emergency responders to provide effective and essential levels of public safety to residents throughout the Los Angeles-Long Beach Urban Area and Los Angeles County Operational Area.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Honorable Board, please electronically submit a Statement of Proceedings to the following:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Executive Office – Emergency Operations
Chief Deputy John B. Tripp
jtripp@fire.lacounty.gov

Respectfully submitted,


DARYL L. OSBY, FIRE CHIEF

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S .
NO.

390-11

DEPARTMENT OF

FIRE

January 17, 2012

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2011-12

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SOURCES

EXECUTIVE BUDGET UNIT
DA1-FR-2000-40100-40129
SERVICES AND SUPPLIES - \$2,309,000
DECREASE APPROPRIATION

USES


EXECUTIVE BUDGET UNIT
DA1-FR-6030-40100-40129
CAPITAL ASSETS - EQUIP - \$2,309,000
INCREASE APPROPRIATION

SOURCES TOTAL: \$ 2,309,000

USES TOTAL: \$ 2,309,000

JUSTIFICATION: TO FUND THE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MULTI-DISCIPLINE EMERGENCY RESPONDERS.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:


LES SEIDMAN, ASSISTANT CHIEF
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

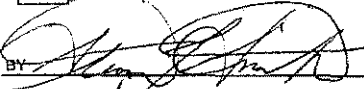
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RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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January 9, 20 12

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